

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : PATENT APPLICATION  
Saver et al. :  
Serial No. TO BE ASSIGNED : **COAL TAR AND HYDROCARBON  
MIXTURE PITCH PRODUCTION USING  
A HIGH EFFICIENCY EVAPORATIVE  
DISTILLATION PROCESS**  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of the art identified on attached form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith as a citation in connection with the captioned application. The applicants hereby request the Examiner to review and make an independent evaluation of the art. A copy of each reference is provided.

Baird, United States Patent No. 4,093,479

Hanks et al., United States Patent No. 5,429,739

Lewis et al., United States Patent No. 5,501,729

Lewis et al, United States Patent No. 5,534,133

McHenry et al., United States Patent No. 5,746,906

Orac et al., United States Patent No. 5,843,298

“Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH’s) in Pitches Used in the Aluminum Industry,” A. Mirtchi & L. Noël, pp. 794-95, Carbon '94, Granada, Spain

No fee is believed to be required in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement because it is being submitted within three months of the filing of the above-captioned application.

Applicants believe that their COAL TAR AND HYDROCARBON MIXTURE PITCH PRODUCTION USING A HIGH EFFICIENCY EVAPORATIVE DISTILLATION PROCESS as described and claimed in the present application is neither taught nor suggested by this prior art. Accordingly, applicants' invention is believed to be patentable over these prior art references.

Respectfully submitted,

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